

Americans Want Choices—Not Mandates

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reject the notion that *Big Government Knows Best*. Call me old fashioned, but I still believe *Father Knows Best*. My dad was a physician who cared deeply about his patients. Working together, they decided what treatment options made the most sense – not some bureaucrat who has a degree in political science or philosophy and punches a time clock.

That's the biggest problem with this law: It empowers the federal government...but not patients.

Let's start over. Let's take the best ideas from both parties and do it right this time. We agree: patients should not be denied insurance because of pre-existing conditions...and our kids should be able to keep their family insurance until they're 26. But these kind of common-sense reforms don't require \$570 billion in new taxes.

Under the new law, Big Government does – *what Big Government Knows Best* – raise taxes. There's a Health Insurance Tax...the so-called Cadillac Tax...and a big increase in the Medicare Payroll Tax. There are also hidden taxes...and costly mandates for not complying with *Big Government Knows Best*.

Enough already. Let's kick the bureaucrats out of the waiting room and call the Doctor. Let's do what's really best for American patients.

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